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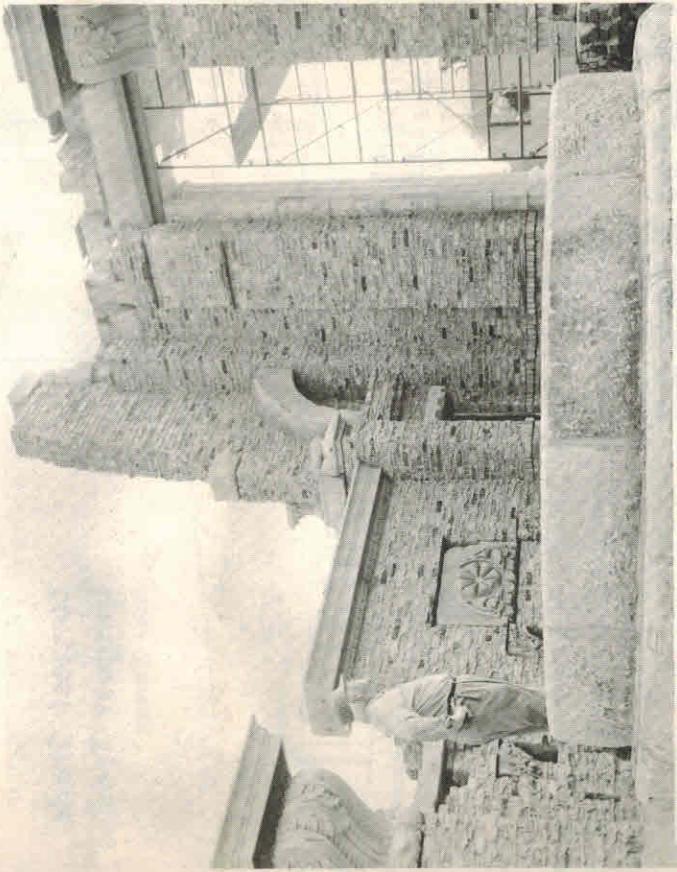
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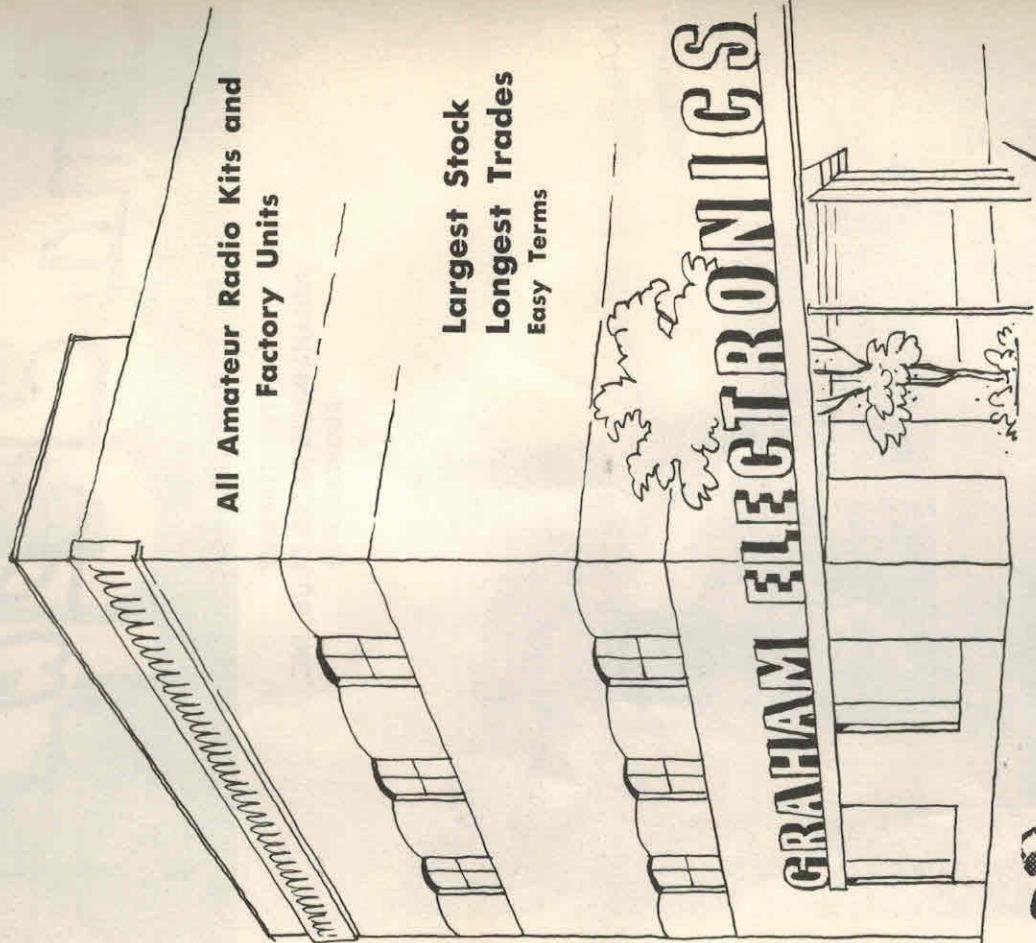
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The Indianapolis Radio Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month at the Indianapolis Park Board Building located at 29th and Harding Streets. Meetings start promptly at 8:00 P.M., Indianapolis time.

## PROGRAM

September 8th First meeting after Summer Vacation.  
Let's get the IRC habit (second and fourth Friday). Be there to show off your summer tan! Frank Fitch, W9EJW will show a group of slides taken at the Field Day Whing Ding, the IRCC picnic at Garfield Park and the VHF picnic at Turkey Run. Bert will tell about IRC plans for the rest of the year. Bring somebody with you.

September 22nd We've got two good ones on the hook and don't know which it will be at this time. See the next issue.

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## PROGRAM REVIEW

There isn't much to review this time since the June meeting wasn't a meeting in the first place. Everybody came out to the field day site and worked.

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## HAVE YOU MOVED RECENTLY

Don't forget to call or write Pat, K9EUQ if you have moved recently. Saves wear and tear on the Post Office you know.

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## NEW SUBSCRIBERS

### HEY!

HEY! We got two new subscribers to Ama-Chewer . . .

John Jones W9FZW  
Jim Barnes K9TFJ

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## GRAHAMS SPECIALS OF THE MONTH

|                                     |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Hallicrafter HT-33 Linear . . . . . | \$325.00 |
| National NC-183-D . . . . .         | \$249.50 |
| Hammarlund HQ-100-C . . . . .       | \$149.00 |
| National HRO 50-T . . . . .         | \$185.00 |
| Gonset GSB-100 . . . . .            | \$350.00 |
| Johnson Ranger . . . . .            | \$180.00 |
| Globe Scout DeLuxe . . . . .        | \$129.50 |
| Central Electronics 20-A . . . . .  | \$245.00 |

## THE PRESIDENTS FREQUENCY

It's been a long time since we had our last IRC meeting, however the time is rapidly approaching for our fall meetings to begin and continue throughout the Winter and Spring seasons. The first meeting is scheduled for the second Friday evening, September 8, 1961. I am hoping to be reunited with all of you to start the new season out with a bang and by having a very large group at our first meeting.

I wish at this time to personally thank each and everyone of you for the very fine cooperation in the Field Day activities. Also a personal thanks goes to Alvey Pittman for turning in the logs to A.R.R.L. and to Jim for the wonderful location for Field Day. From all indications as to our logs and personal contact with others at other field day locations it appears we shared very well and in many incidents far above many of them. Lets hope these indications are correct.

Another item to consider is the election of new officers for the coming year for the IRC. The month of December will quickly be upon us with Christmas activities and other holidays coming along it might be smart to consider your slate early so we can get the best officers available for the coming year. The more states the better the selection. I am hoping to have published in the Ama-Chewer the availability list far in advance as possible.

I also wish to thank our V.P., Jerry Lucas for assuming my responsibilities for our last meeting and handling it in such a perfect manner while I was enjoying a very pleasant 30 day vacation on the shores of Ft. Myers Beach, Florida. Don't forget our first Fall meeting and be sure to bring a visitor or prospective member so that we may hit a new high for new members this year.

Thanks to all,  
Bert Brouse, K9JSF  
President

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Elmer, or Mike Taflinger as he has been christened by the local gang - for Michael Angelo - and W9GRN by the FCC is our Ham of the month. Back when he was ready for college he almost started at Purdue for an EE. A friend influenced him to attend the Art Students League of New York. From that beginning he became a commercial artist in New York working with a George Wolf and as a team they did many commercial jobs including covers for Post, Colliers, etc. He had a studio in Florence, Italy when he began a switch from commercial work to fine art. In this field he found you deal with the finer things but less money, and that it was possible to live on a dollar a day!

After an illness and return to Indianapolis a friend again influenced him to open a class in Art work. This was at 46 N. Penn., later moving to his present studio on 11th street. These classes had his full attention until the little old bug began to nibble on him shortly after the war. An SX 42 originally purchased to record war news exposed him to the disease and in 1946 during a visit to W9JJC he had his first QSO on the air and that did it. Bob Loomis W9FZU was a "right hand man" during the boning up period. Mike's first visit to FCC ended in one of the worst cases of buck fever the examiner had ever seen! On the next try however it was easy. In the meantime waiting on the desk, ready to go, was a 32V2 and a 75A1. When the ticket finally did come...well 10 meters hasn't been the same since!

Get Mike to tell you about the MM net (Marylyn Monroe).

In the early days of TV...TVI was as many of us know a big problem (WAS?!) GRN came up with what he called a monument to Phil Rand,...a triple shielded pair 250TH's. He carved a path on the air with this until the hand writing on the wall was too plain and it was traded on the "S" line. His current work on the Holiday Park project has kept him off the air recently but his interest is still there to the extent Ham Radio will have its effect on the completed fountain, destined to become a famous landmark for our town.

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TURN TO PAGE 11 TO SEE PICTURE OF  
MIKE & HIS RIG

June Ama-Cheuer of 1941 announced the field day to be held close to the Kissell farm south of New Palestine. There operation was set up in tents out in the middle of a field so it truly was a field day operation. A ferry boat was even on hand to ferry operators, their families and equipment across as this was a family affair with picnic lunches thrown in. Ed McNay was scheduled to demonstrate and talk about the use of a Cathode Ray Oscilloscope. He showed the various wave forms obtained in power supply circuits. Then as now the next meeting was scheduled as an auction.

Guests of the club from Ft. Harrison were 8 National Guardsmen from West Virginia who were attached to Headquarters Company, 201st Infantry. It was reported that the IRCC sponsored an association of Radio Clubs of Indiana so that club officers could discuss activities and policies for the betterment of their clubs and programs. (Forerunner of the IRCC.)

Discussion was held concerning the issuance of a proposed class "D" license with speed of 5WPM. This was the beginning of the Novice license no doubt.

The Thursday night gang held a dinner at the club rooms in the Insley Building on a Sunday and hams and families from Anderson, Pendleton, Franklin, Morristown, Carthage and of course Indianapolis. This was a 160 meter activated group at that time.

Then it was reported that wedding bells were to ring for Bob Stuart, W9AXH.

QST for April announced that participants in Field Day were authorized for portable operation. Other articles included "Keying Characteristics of Transmitters and methods of Eliminating Clicks." This article had oscilloscope studies to illustrate the trouble.

Portable and Emergency transmitters and power supplies were being features as well as defense articles. A "Dual Diversity Preselector for Reducing CW Fading", was offered as well. Too, in "Strays" was stated, "A device has been invented that is asserted to age hams with electricity in seven weeks instead of the months required to smoke them." Predictions of useful distances for Amateur Radio communications were being presented as a regular feature at that time.

Bob-W9DNQ

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## FIELD DAY STORY

Our A.R.R.L. Field Day score is as follows:

|                        |             |
|------------------------|-------------|
| 50 MC Phone . . . . .  | 972         |
| 21 MC Phone . . . . .  | 378         |
| 14 MC Phone . . . . .  | 612         |
| 7 MC CW . . . . .      | 1164        |
| 3.5 MC CW . . . . .    | 138         |
| 4 MC Phone . . . . .   | 1668        |
| Messages . . . . .     | <u>162</u>  |
| Total Points . . . . . | <u>5094</u> |

Stations Worked

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Our thanks to Jim Rees, K9YKH for his hospitality (& coffee). The 100' tower on six and the other beams and antennas, trailers, etc. must have presented more obstacles than those sand traps to the golfers that Saturday. Fritz, W9VPN as Chief Op has now been initiated into the intricacies of running F/D. We all had a big time and as usual (at the moment) glad it's over!

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## SPLATTER

On June 14th, Mac, W9JZV/Af9JZV became net manager of Air Force MARS VHF Net 26-C succeeding Jim Coffee K9SJF//AF9SJF.

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Ed Healey, W9FJR has returned to his old love, CW and 40 meters. Ed "fast talked" W9JZV out of a BC 312 and acquired a CW xmitter. How's DX Ed?

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Did you know IRC's Pres. K9JSF has changed his equipment again? Bert has traded his Communicator and a Ranger for a complete Elmac Mobile station, an AF-68 and PMR-7 with power supply. That covers more than 6 meters Bert.

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SPLATTER continued on page 8

This month's guest club is WEARC, the Western Electric Amateur Radio Club whose call is K9AVO. This club was organized in 1952 and has a membership of twenty-three licensed hams and six on the way.

The Officers (handsome devils) are shown in this photograph. Reading left to right are:

Jack Dottenwry, K9OYK

Charles Eberly, K9YOR

Stu Maxwell, K9SVA

Bob Spannuth, K9BSU

President



WEARC MEETINGS ARE HELD ONCE EACH MONTH at the members homes. They are now having special QSL's printed for all club members and after you have worked ten or more members and received their card you can get a certificate for wall paper. For 364 days out of a year they're nice bunch of fellers but come Field Day you just better head for the hills because K9AVO is out to win!

SPLATTER continued from page 6

Jim Coffee, K9SIF has traded his entire station in on the Collins "S" line, the 32S1, 75S1 and associated control equipment. An' the Linear is on the way. Yessir, that SSB is here to stay men. Lets get to DX'n Jim.

K9LZJ, Hank has been putting out a beefed up signal on the 50.7 AREC net on Tuesday evenings. What'd you do Hank? We admire the enthusiasm Hank is putting into his job as Emergency Coordinator for Marion County.

Two potential Novices are sweating it out. Denny Colvin and Craig Larsen both took the Exam and we have it on fairly reliable authority they marked the right slots. They really have it bad. We saw them at Field Day with a code oscillator practicing away. Keep your fingers crossed Denny and Craig.

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#### F.C.C. LICENSE EXAMS

##### AMATEURS

Federal Building, Room 526  
Date: August 23, 1961  
Time: 9:00 AM - 2 PM

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##### MORE SPLATTER

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Did you hear about an IRC member buying one of those white zipper jackets up at Macinac...with your name stamped on it - free-? You're supposed to print your name on a piece of paper they supply and take it and the jacket over to the little old lady in the corner where she will stamp your name on the jacket.. He printed instead "W9JJC" and handed it to her...she studied the slip of paper for a moment, frowned, looked up and asked "For Goodness Sakes, how do you pronounce THAT?"

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#### IRC GETS A BEAM MOTOR

The Club was the lucky recipient of a Prop-pitch Motor, pole and guy wire after last field day. Mike, W9GRN has donated it to the club. We certainly appreciate this gift Mike and we'll take good care of it.

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#### 20 METERS

A recent A.R.R.L recommendation to avoid use of the top 15KC on 20 seems to be generally accepted. We hope the local gang gives it a try in the interest of DX.

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#### CLAIR GOULD W9AQQ

There is an empty spot in the local ham gang that a lot of us will feel with the death of W9AQQ. Clair Gould was one of the best known amateurs in this area..not so much because of his on the air activity but because of his willingness and desire to be helpful to his many, many customers during the years he worked at Grahams. It was always a pleasure to talk to him and to know he could probably steer you right in what you were trying to build. We'll miss him.

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##### COMMERCIAL

Federal Building, Room 526  
Date: August 22, 1961  
Time: 9:00 AM - 5 PM

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**WANTED:** Address changes and phone changes for updating Marion County Directories.

Ama-Chewer Staff  
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**LOST:** One maul (or hammer!) at Field Day site. If you found it pse call Mike Taflinger, W9GRN or any club officer.

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The Holliday Park Fountain and Karl Bitter Statuary Group now under construction in Holliday Park is not, to the uninformed, a subject for Ama-Chewer, but when it is conceived, designed and brought into existence by a local ham; that makes it front page copy. If you haven't seen it yet, get in the car and drive out.

The theme, symbolic of the three races of man working together is a story filled with interest.

Elmer Taflinger, our Ham of the month, is largely responsible for the project being developed by the city and Park Board. The three main statues were done by the 28 year old Karl Bitter for the St. Paul Bldg. in New York. In 1898 when it was constructed it was the tallest office building in the world and the first to use a considerable amount of steel in the frame work. In 1959 when it was torn down to make room for the new Western Electric Bldg., the three statues and associated stone were, after considerable negotiation, given by Western Electric to Indianapolis for the monument. Full realization of the magnitude of this gift will become apparent as the project nears completion. Indianapolis is indebted to Western Electric for it. Statues and Ballustrades from the Court House soon to be demolished will also be preserved and serve as part of the theme. A reflecting pool with fountains erupting to 100' will ad motion and grace to this magnificent structure in beautiful Holliday Park. And a local Ham is in back of it all.



A close survey of Hams present at Turkey Run on Sunday July 30th revealed that Indianapolis was well represented. Also many won prizes.

Don't forget the Kokomo Ham Picnic on August 13th. Many prizes can be won here also.

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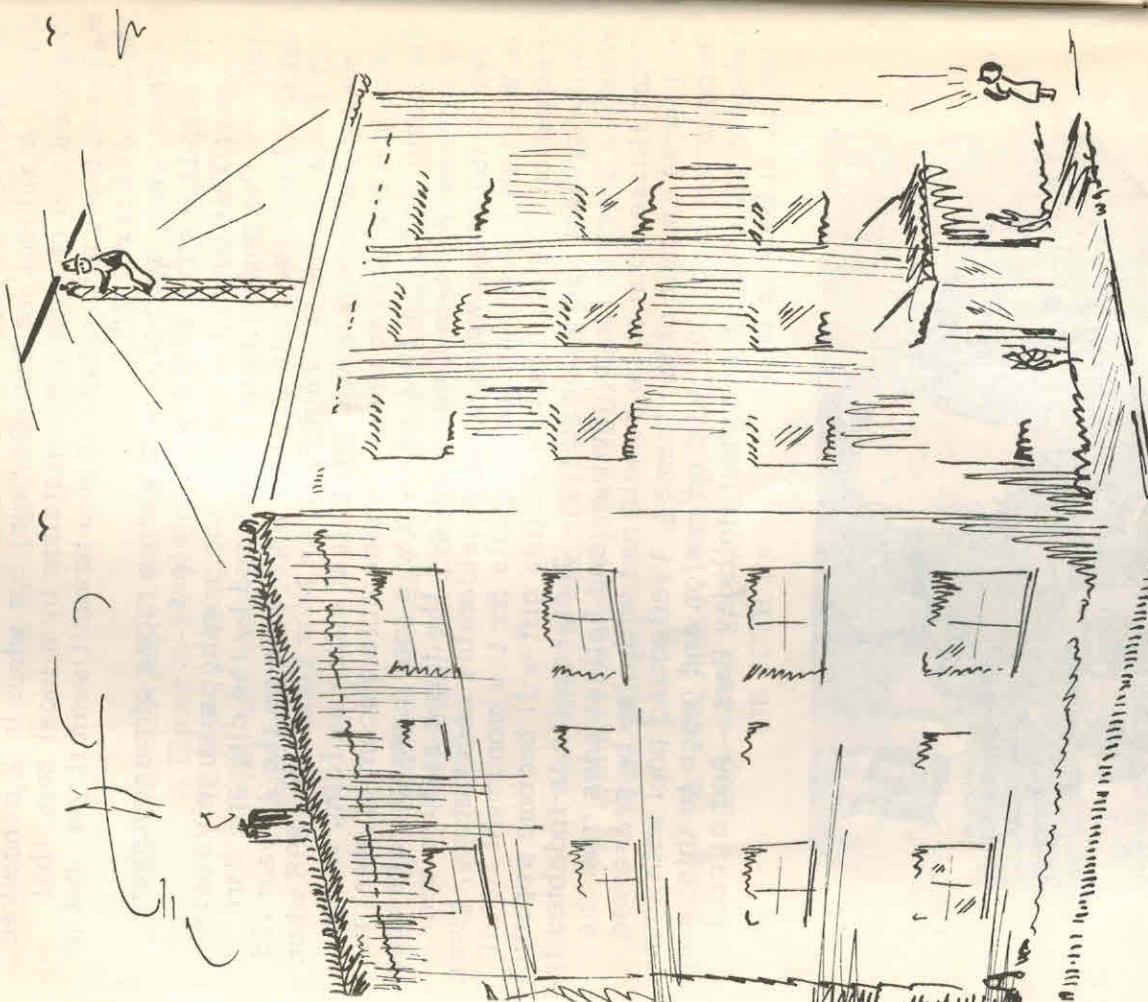
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